



Baby Room Update

Our Baby Room has now been open for 3 months, and it has quickly become a space full of curiosity, exploration, and nurturing care.

What we've been focusing on:

- Sensory play to support early development
- Building strong bonds and relationships
- Early communication through songs, stories, and interaction

A big thank you to all our families who have sent in family photographs—our family albums are looking fantastic! Once our new shelves arrive, these will be proudly displayed on our *family tree wall*.

We have also been enjoying woodland walks and exploring our garden. We would now love to extend this to include *village walks* within the local community. Although you have already signed outing consent on our Kids Club system, we would like to double check your permission for these walks.

 A WhatsApp message will be sent—please reply via direct message to confirm. All outings will, of course, be risk assessed beforehand.

Important Update

If your child has had any Calpol or pain relief medication (including for teething), they **must not attend for 24 hours**.

We are happy to support teething with powders, gels, or teething toys, but if pain relief is required, your child is not well enough to attend.

Pre-School Update

Our Pre-School children have been busy learning, creating, and developing their independence, it's been wonderful to see their confidence grow.

Our New Curriculum Approach

At Little Flyers, we are beginning to introduce a new curriculum that moves away from checklists and focuses on supporting *each individual child*.

We recognise that children do not develop in straight lines. Learning happens more like a *spider web*, skills grow, connect, and strengthen over time.

Every child's journey is unique, and we believe:

- Different is okay
- Every child belongs
- Learning follows when children feel safe, valued, and understood

Our role is to meet children where they are and walk alongside them, supporting their confidence, independence, and sense of belonging.

Learning Focus

- Communication
 - Turn-taking
 - Understanding emotions
 - Building independence
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Symmetry Play

We have been placing a strong emphasis on symmetry play, where we observe and mirror children's play. You might have seen our staff rolling in the mud, picking up insects, making the same sounds as the children, and even climbing through small spaces!

This approach helps children to:

- Feel valued and understood
- Develop a strong sense of belonging
- Build trust and confidence
- Extend their vocabulary and communication skills

By stepping into the children's world, we are already seeing a positive impact on their language development and ability to maintain attention. It's truly amazing to experience their world through their eyes and see what they see.

What's Happening Next

- Our outdoor area is currently being developed and will be ready in April, we can't wait to share photos!

- After Easter there will be a focus to support children preparing to transition to school
 - A **new WhatsApp group** will be set up for school transitions so families can share information
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Wraparound Care

Morning Club

- Calm, gentle start to the day
- Quiet play and activities
- Breakfast available (menu on our website)

After School Club

- Structured activities (talent shows, crafts, sports, sensory room)
- Free play, games, and creative opportunities
- Outdoor play whenever possible

Highlights

- Team games and cooperative play to support positive behaviour
 - Creative building and design activities
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Notices & Reminders

- Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled
 - Send children with appropriate clothing for the weather
 - Inform us of any absences as early as possible
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Parent Partnership

We truly value working closely with our families. If you have any questions, feedback, or concerns, please speak to a member of our team.

Booking Reminder:

Please ensure all bookings are made via Kids Club at least **48 hours in advance**.

We are seeing an increase in last-minute bookings, which is becoming difficult to manage—your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Staffing Updates

We would like to take this opportunity to share a few staffing updates with you.

This term, we will be saying goodbye to Lauren as she moves on from Little Flyers. We would like to thank her for all the care she has given to the children during her time with us, and we wish her all the very best for the future.

We are also pleased to share that Lily, who already works within our After School Club, will be joining us full-time after Easter, in the Baby Room and Pre-School team, where we know she will continue to build lovely relationships with the children.

We also want to thank all of our staff for their continued hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment, especially as we continue to grow and develop new areas within our setting.

If you have any questions about staffing or would like to get to know the team more, please feel free to speak to us, we are always happy to help.

Dates for Your Diary

- **Last day of term (Easter):** Friday 27th March
- **Return to setting:** Tuesday 14th April

Holiday Club

Our Holiday Club will be running:

- Monday 30th March – Thursday 2nd April
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Thank You

Thank you for your continued support—it means so much to us and helps us create the best possible environment for your children.

The Little Flyers Team